

THE EMPRESS EXPRESS

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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said--"EMPRESS"

Traffic Bridge Over Red Deer River

M. A. Blodgett Returns from Edmonton With Assurance That Bridge At Empress Will Be One Of Next Two Bridges Constructed in Province By Government

A conference regarding the construction of the proposed traffic bridge across the Red Deer River at this point, was had with the Minister of Public Works, Chas. Stewart, Prov. Treasurer, Chas. R. Mitchell and J. A. McColl, M.L.A. for Acadia, by M. A. Blodgett, Board of Trade Secretary, who was acting as a representative for the Board and the Village at Edmonton on March 3rd. Mr. Blodgett was well armed with facts and figures showing the urgent need of a bridge at Empress. It is estimated by the Government Engineers who made the preliminary survey here in connection with the proposed structure that the cost would approximate from \$75,000 to \$75,000. The matter has been urged on the Government, by both Messrs. Pingle and McColl for some time past. The question is now one of finance with the Provincial Government. Minister Stewart assured our representative that Empress would be given one of the next two bridges to be constructed by the Govt. in the Province; this is considered very encouraging in view of the present world conditions. Actual construction of the bridge, it is considered, will be commenced some time during the winter of 1916-1917.

The question of the installation of the new ferry on the South Saskatchewan River, was also taken up with the Department and the assurance was given that the ferry would be ready for operation some time in April. Considerable work which is needed to be done on the approaches will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

NOTE

Please do not dump ashes, cinders or any refuse, except house refuse, on the land which adjoins the Empress territory on the east--H. G. MacIntosh.

FOR SALE--Four young open deer. Also good Holstein Milk Cow, one to twelve cows. Apply Tom McColl, Empress, P.O. or S.W. 1 sec. 1, 25, 2, 8 4

FOR SALE--Two Oxen, young; also Redhead Shorthorn Bull (registered). Apply Wm. Fowler, Castle Coulee, Alta.

SUPT. McINTOSH WRITES B. OF T. IN REFERENCE TO CONDITION OF RAILWAY PASSENGER COACHES

Coaches Now Much Cleaner on Empress Swift Current Line. Matter of Daily Passenger Service Also Taken Up

Secretary Blodgett, of the Board of Trade, is in receipt of a communication from Superintendent McIntosh of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. in reply to complaints made by the Board regarding the unclean condition of the coaches in use on the line between Empress and Swift Current. His letter reads as follows: "I have to thank you for your communication of the 29th, and am glad to have your attention directed to anything of the Company's service in which the people are not satisfied and which I can improve. Since talking to you at Empress on the 25th of last month, I have had this matter thoroughly gone into and I think you will note a decided improvement. This, however, will be watched closely and such matters checked." Mr. McIntosh's attention has also been drawn to the condition of the coaches used in the service between Empress and Bassano, and it is hoped that a decided improvement will be brought about in the near future. The matter of a daily passenger service between Empress and Swift Current to replace the mixed train now in operation, has been taken up with Supt. McIntosh. While no reply has yet been received, it is anticipated that the service will be inaugurated in the immediate future. Two passenger coaches are now in operation daily, east and west bound, and they are filled to capacity on each trip. In all probability the passenger business over this part of the line will be greatly increased when a straight passenger service is inaugurated. Travelling men at present avoid the line on account of the inadequate service.

English Church--Throughout the season of Lent there will be service held in St. Mary's Church every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. A short address will be given at each service. There will be a course of sermons preached on the Sundays in Lent at Empress, the subjects being: The Church, Her Books and Her Sacraments.

R. M. of Acadia, No. 241

Regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Acadia, was held in the Acadia Valley Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, with Reeve Peers and Councillors Hallman, Hill and Adams present.

The first matter to come before the Council was the following anonymous letter:

Mr. Graham-- Please tell the Council board that if they sell any farmers goods for taxes this year, they will have their horses and other stock poisoned. I mean all those who agree to this law, both old and new council. The stuff is ready and you will GET IT AS SURE AS YOU GET THE TAXES.

The Council, after hearing several pieces of evidence in this connection, are of one opinion as to the identity of the writer. The matter has been placed in competent hands, and no amount of expense will be spared in running the culprit out to earth.

Estimates from School Districts, as follows, were accepted:

Gleichenham	- 800.00
Hopewell	- 805.00
Bryant	- 300.00
Edendale	- 800.00
Carlyle	- 373.34
Lonely Trail	- 600.00
Superior	- 120.00
Graindale	- 710.00
Bonnie Briar	- 500.00

A resolution was passed authorizing the borrowing from the Bank of Toronto, for school purposes, of four thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars.

The following were paid: Western Municipal Newsletters and exchange, \$2.25.

Wm. Denton, 75 p.c. commission for "tax collecting, 238.28.

G. W. Hurlbut, 4 wolf bounties and exchange, \$15.

G. M. Faulkner, 4 wolf bounties, and exchange, \$15.

D. M. Graham, 1 wolf bounty 2.00.

D. M. Graham, salary, \$6.65.

500 packages of gophericide was ordered from J. H. Ruxley, Alaska. This will be distributed in convenient places throughout the Municipality, and can be obtained free of charge at the rate of one package to each half section.

A resolution was passed in the form of a petition to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, pointing out the inconvenience to a large number of farmers in this Municipality, owing to the unsatisfactory ways and means now provided for crossing the Red Deer river, and asking that a suitable traffic bridge be constructed in the vicinity of Empress at the earliest possible date.

Under the order of business, reports of committees:

Councillor Hallman gave a very interesting and instructive report of the different questions as taken up by the convention of Rural Municipalities held at Edmonton on February 16th, 17th and 18th.

One resolution which appealed to the Council as being more particularly interesting to this Municipality, and which Mr. Hallman was pleased to report had passed at the Convention, and would in all probability become law in the near future, was in connection with the herd law; that owners of stock running at large during the closed season, be responsible for

PANCRAS PARS

Mr. Oscar Plaxton is busy erecting a fine large pool room, west of the Pancras store.

The regular meeting of the U.F.A. will be held on Friday, March 24th.

Mr. J. English left on Monday for a couple of months visit with friends in Brandon.

Mr. Stewart Lennox made a business trip to Medicine Hat on Tuesday.

Damage done, whether crop is enclosed by lawful fence or not.

By-law No. 9, appointing E. L. Burgess and J. H. Frey poundkeepers in place of J. A. Hamilton and W. J. Nickel, resigned, was finally passed and goes into effect immediately.

The Council were unable to come to a decision on the appointment of a Weed Inspector, and it was accordingly tabled, to be taken up at next meeting, when it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Council then adjourned to meet the first Monday in April at 10:30 o'clock.

D. M. GRAHAM, Sec.-Treas.

R. M. of Mantario, No. 262

Mantario Council met at G. Hamilton's, 3:25-28, Feb. 28th, with Reeve Ardelt and Councillors McCulley, Leach, Harriott, McWhinney and Kinch present.

Councillors McWhinney and Kinch signed the Declaration of office.

McCulley--That the secretary be instructed to notify every taxpayer owing school taxes in each of the different school districts, that unless such school taxes are paid within thirty days from date of notice, they will be collected by distraint with costs. Carried.

A renewed receipt was produced by the secretaries, from the London, Quatrecent and Bond Co., showing that the secret treasurer's bonds for \$5,000 were renewed for the year 1916.

McCulley--That the tender of N. W. Sherwin for digging well and connecting the same by filter trench with the Government reservoir on the NW of 21-26-27, w.3, be accepted, and that Councillor Leach be appointed a special committee for the supervision of the work; the work to be done by March 15th. Carried.

Kinch--That this Municipality join the Saskatchewan Association of Municipalities for the year 1916, and that a cheque for \$15 in payment of the annual membership fee, be sent to the Secretary of the Association. Carried.

Harriott--That Reeve Ardelt and Secretary R. S. Bong be appointed delegates to represent this Council at the Convention of the Sask. Assoc. of Rural Muns, held at Regina on March 8th, 9th and 10th. Carried.

Communications from Weed and Seeds Commissioners re appointing Weed Inspectors for 1916. Filed.

McCulley--That this Council approve of boundaries of proposed School District, including Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, in Township 20, Rge 23, w.3d, as shown.

The following accounts were presented: Mrs. G. Hamilton, rent of

Dr. Chandler, Marengo, To Locate in Empress

Reeve G. L. Brown, on Monday received a wire from Dr. E. C. Chandler, formerly located at Marengo, with reference to the opening for a doctor in Empress. Dr. Chandler has been looking after Dr. Whaley's practice at Alaska, during the past winter, and is highly recommended and well spoken of by those who have employed him as a physician. Dr. Chandler also has made enquiry regarding available buildings suitable for a cottage hospital.

Secretary Henderson wired Dr. Chandler as follows--"Building can be arranged for suitable for hospital. No doctor here at present, will you locate here. Wire reply." The following reply was received from the Doctor, Tuesday morning:

"Will locate at Empress end of this week. Reserve office, 2nd floor, and have trained nurse upon cottage hospital, there at early date." Arrangements had been made with Dr. Taugher of Prescott, Ont. to locate here. In correspondence with Mr. Henderson he requested that he be notified should another doctor locate here before he could get away. Dr. Taugher was notified, in accordance with his request, on Tuesday morning.

house Dec. 15, Jan. 3 and Feb. 23, 1915.

S. E. Speer, auditing municipal books, \$25.

Asks News, printing etc., \$32.25.

Secretary, postage and stationery, \$15.

McWhinney--That the foregoing accounts be paid. Carried.

Leach--That the secretary be and hereby is appointed Inspector of wolf pelts for 1916. Car.

McWhinney--That Dr. Whaley be appointed M.H.O. for the Municipality for the year 1916, at a salary of \$15 per annum. Carried.

Ardelt--That the following standing committees be appointed for the year 1916:

Assessment Committee--all the members of the Council.

Health Committee--all the members of the Council.

Finance Committee--Councillors McWhinney and Leach.

Road Committee--all the members of the Council. Car.

(continued next week)

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY REPORTS ON ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL FAIRS CONVENTION HELD AT EDMONTON

Mr. M. A. Blodgett, Secretary of the Empress Agricultural Society, returned on Thursday evening from Edmonton, where he was in attendance at the eleventh annual convention of the Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association held in that city at the McDonald Hotel on March 1st and 2nd. There were 120 delegates in attendance from all parts of the Province. The sessions were well attended, and a large amount of work of an instructive nature, in connection with the holding of exhibitions and fairs by the various societies, was accomplished. The order of business for the closing session, took the form of drawing up an Alberta Fair date schedule, which after completion was unanimously agreed to by all the delegates. Empress and Berry Creek were given a separate circuit on account of being practically isolated from the other societies and dated September dates. The fair at Berry Creek is to be held on September 8th and the local fair on September 5th. This is considered to be a good one for the holding of the local fair as it comes between harvest and threshing. The officers of the Agricultural Society are now formulating tentative plans for the holding of the fair and it is expected that with the harvesting of good crops in this district, this year a fair should be a successful one from every standpoint. A good prize is to be given which will cover live stock, farm and dairy products and grains of all kinds.

A Standing Grain Competition is to be conducted by the local society this year, and this should be the means of bringing out a large number of fine grain exhibits at the local fair.

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EMPRESS, ALTA, THURSDAY, MAR. 16, 1910

FARMERS OWE ALBERTA MERCHANTS
\$30,000,000, YET SEND \$12,000,000 OUT
OF PROVINCE TO MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Following our recent articles on the mail order house business, we last week published a letter we received from one of the local farmers, setting forth his opinion of the matter. In this we see a good sign. Evidently the farmer is willing to show interest, if the business man will, and co-operation of business man and farmer means elimination of at least the greater part of mail order house trading. This farmer told of some causes for mail order house trading, which we believe the merchant can make non-existent, if he will. This subject is one of great interest to the whole community, not of a few individuals. If the farmer will make known his wants to the merchant, in a friendly way, the merchant will likewise co-operate to give of his best in service. Progress will be made where at present we are making time. Let us have co-operation and friendly relations, and discussion on this subject, and Empress and district will be able to point with pride to the results achieved.

The following sets forth a viewpoint on behalf of the business man, which the farmer may not have given thought to. That the farmers owe to the merchants some \$30,000,000; and that during the past year the agriculturists sent \$12,000,000 to mail order houses, is the gist of a letter recently written to the United Farmers of Alberta executive, by W. H. Andrews, of the Retail Merchants Association, and which reads as follows:

Gentlemen,—We have recently had occasion to procure statistics from some of our branches in the province regarding the indebtedness of farmers to the retailers in country districts, and the figures which have been reported to us have astonished even ourselves. Thirty towns reported to us, which represent about one tenth of the

province, aggregate about 3,000,000, and taking them as a fair average of the 300 towns, show the whole province at about \$30,000,000. Much of this enormous amount has been owing to the merchants for periods extending to four years.

We would like to point out to you that the farmers of Alberta during the past year sent out of the province about \$12,000,000 to eastern mail order houses. Now you can readily understand that this enormous drain on the circulation of money which rightly belongs to this province, is a very serious handicap to the progress of commerce in our own territory, and if that money had been in circulation here, the whole financial situation would have been tremendously improved, and the merchants would have been much better able to have carried the farmers through times of stress. We would also submit that it is not quite in accord with good business principles that a debtor should send his ready cash away out of the province, for goods which he could get practically to as good advantage at his local store, and at the same time be running further and further behind with the local merchant, for such goods as he is obliged to buy locally.

We fully realize that the agriculturist is the principal factor in our community, and we are ready at all times to grant him every indulgence and consideration, but at the same time we should urge that a reciprocal feeling should prevail, and that as the merchants are anxious and willing to do everything possible to assist the farmer, so should the farmer be just as much prepared to fulfil his obligations to the merchants, and thus enable the merchant to get himself into a better position to provide the service for the farmer.

Mr. President and gentlemen, we trust that you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is meant, and that you will give same your careful attention.

Yours very truly,

W. H. ANDREWS,

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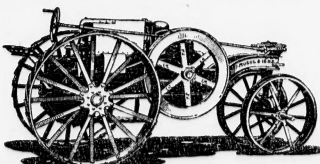
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Chas. Rowles Writes Interesting Letter From The Front

Among the Flats in Belgium,
February 16, 1916

Dear William--

.... You darned old pessimist, you are suffering from reading too many papers and too much hot air. I know there has been something radically wrong, but it is not as bad as you say. It seems to me, if the war was finished tomorrow they should fetch up those 600,000 single men and make them repair a little of the damage done out here. About six months filling in of trenches and rolling up of barbed wire would not be too much for them.

I haven't seen a paper for some time, but there is a chance of getting one in a day or two now, for we shall be going to the rear.

One gets some sensations out here, and lots of time for meditation.

Last night I was out in "No Man's Land," when Fritz switched on a searchlight from a hill. It had been fairly dark and cloudy and suddenly it was light enough for a man to see the sine of his youth on a "movie screen" the film travelling very fast.

We expected them to turn a machine gun on us, but nothing but a few rifle bullets came.

You know how close a rabbit can get to the ground on occasion? Well! I'm the rabbit.

Up till the other night we had not seen snow since one cold day last June (in Sewell), but it is hot stuff when it does come. Flakes like a ten cent

The Rural Municipality of Royal Canadian, No. 261 TENDERS

Tenders are invited for building houses and erecting fences around deposits in the following lands:

Sec. 31-23-25, W3 Division One
30-24-25, W3
25-24-26, W3 Division Two
25-24-26, W3
25-25-28, W3 Division Three
25-25-28, W3
25-25-28, W3 Division Four
25-25-28, W3

Lumber will be landed from Franklin. Fences will be put together with poles and three inch nails, supplied by the Council.

Separate tenders will be received for the building of the houses, and for the erection of one deposit, or for the whole, all tenders must be in the Secretary's hand not later than the 25th of March, 1916.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

CHARLES E. CHASE, Sec. Treas.

ice cream (only wetter) carried on a stiff breeze, hit a man in the back of the neck, and the first thing he knows is that his boots are full of water.

Belgians for the Belgians is my motto, and the sooner the better. It needs the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" to make a few rounds though before it would be a nice place even for Belgians.

.... The soldiers' chief friend in every emergency is the sand bag. Why it is called a sand bag, I don't know, for I never saw one filled with sand, and I have seen some hundreds of millions (and then some). They are usually filled with wet,

lumpy clay. If your puttees are lost or wet, use sand bags. Do you need a pillow, a blanket or something under your head, steal a handle of sand bags. Have you lost towel, handkerchief, gun rag, dish cloth or door mat, use sand bags. Have you a piece of beef or a pound of butter—wrap it in a sand bag. I figure I've eaten a round dozen or so of them, for every loaf of bread or piece of meat has a few score shreds of hemp or jute sticking to it (or probably flax straw). Maybe that's why my beautiful flaxen locks are growing thicker.

Well Harry D— has just brought in a magazine we unearthed in an empty dugout, so goodnight—Yours—Charlie

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Wheat Prices

Fort William, close, Track Prices for No. 1 Nor. Wheat, from
Mar. 10 to Mar. 15, at Empress

Mar. 10	1.094	Mar. 14	1.061
Mar. 11	1.084	Mar. 15	1.071
Mar. 12	1.094	Mar. 16	

Oats, street price, 28c. Wheat, street price Mar. 10, 80

Local and Personal

St. Patrick's Day, Friday,
March 17.

The I.O.E. will meet at the
home of Mrs. Frank Pearce, on
Tuesday, March 21st at 2.30.

Mr. F. Botsford returned
from a trip to Medicine Hat, on
Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Johnson
and children left last week for
Medicine Hat.

Mr. Thomas Rowles, son of
Wm. Rowles, has joined the
ranks of the Saskatoon University
Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Storey
and children left, on Monday, for
a two week visit to Indian Head,
Sask.

Union Church, Sunday next.
Subject: "Our World Around."
The boys and girls will sing. All
invited. Grand Theatre, 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wallace
and Miss E. Wallace, of Estuary,
were Empress visitors on
Wednesday.

Messrs. Ostrom and B. Hern
made a trip to Calgary last
week. Mr. Hern completed the
purchase of a Hunsley Gas
Tractor and plows while there.

Nyla's Egsen—The ideal laxative,
acts without griping,
easy to take 10c, or 25c—Shepherd
& McEachern.

Mr. J. Cusack, this week,
moved into the premises formerly
occupied by Mrs. Kiel, using
the same for office purposes.

Mr. Kerusterus, returned to
town last week end. He left
again for Calgary, on Tuesday
morning's train.

A masquerade dance is to be
held in the Prussia Hotel, Prussia,
Sask., to-morrow evening,
Friday, March 17.

Mrs. J. N. Anderson will be
the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. N.
Maitnes, of Prussia, Sask., over
Friday and Saturday, this week.

Nyla's Tooth Paste—Makes
the teeth pearly white, sweetens
the breath. 25c—Shepherd
& McEachern.

Mayfield, Divine Service, Sunday
next, March 20 at Mr. Norrie's
house. The gymnasium are
requested to meet to arrange
fixing up of cemetery.

We received last week \$4.50
from Mr. E. J. Nielson, proceeds
of sale of tickets for masquerade
ball. This sum will be sent
forward to Belgian Relief Fund.

We are informed that a benefit
dance is being arranged to be
held in town on March 24.
The case, as understood by us,
is a deserving one. The dance
should be well supported.

We are on the water wagon
again: One pail of drinking
water delivered at your home
each day, including Sunday, at
\$1.50 per month. Four pails
each week for \$1.00 per month.
Special rates for restaurants
and hotels. See E. J. Lacy
about this.

Mrs. McEachern and Mrs. Cusack
will entertain at a silver
tea and six shaker in aid of
the I.O.E. on Saturday,
March 18. Tea will be served
from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of
Mrs. McEachern. Mothers and
their friends and the public in
general are invited.

SCREPTRE SECRETS

The Red Cross Leap Year
Ball, which was given here, last
Friday, by the ladies, turned
out to be a grand success. A
good supper was served at 12
o'clock, the remaining cakes,
that were not few, were sold at
a good price. Supper parties
were secured by the ladies sitting
behind a drawn curtain and
then one at a time showing
their slips under the curtain.
The shoes were then bid on by
the gentlemen. At the completion
of the auction the curtain was
lifted, and the lady holding a
ticket, bearing a num-

ber corresponding with one
held by you, was your sup-
per partner. Mr. Stair acted
as auctioneer. The proceeds
amounted to over \$80. The
ladies certainly earned this sum
having spent the whole of the
previous afternoon decorating
the hall.

Mr. George Hazelton is
wearing a broad smile. It's a
boy.

Mr. Geo. Clarke returned
from Swift Current last Wed-
nesday, but not alone. They
are now settled in their new
home, where we hope a long
and happy life will be enjoyed.

Mr. E. Fike has just pur-
chased from Mr. E. F. Stanley,
of Moosomin, one of the finest
horses that has ever been
brought into this district.

Things we would like to
know—1 Did anyone find a cut-
ter rug? 2 Who is the best
looking girl in town? Are you
sore because I didn't ask you
for a dance? 4 Will you feel
offended if you see your name
in print? 5 Would you like to
take the Empress Express and
get the Sceptre News?

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to have your horse bells printed.
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